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The reply filed on 24 January 2003 is not fully responsive to the Office action mailed 24 September 2002 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have not addressed the objections to the drawings by the Draftsperson noted in form PTO 948. Corrections to the drawings must be addressed in the time period set for reply in the Office action to which it is attached, and cannot be held in abeyance. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Further, on page 5 of the response received 24 January 2003, Applicants indicate that specification at page 7, lines 18, 19, and 23 was not amended to include sequence identifiers for nucleotide and amino acid sequences that appear at that location, because the sequences are primers, are not part of the invention, and are not claimed. However, that the sequences are primers and not claimed is irrelevant. The sequences appear within the application, fall within the category of sequences that require placing them in the sequence listing, and must be referred to by their sequence identifiers within the specification, as required by 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

Any inquiry concerning this or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashwin Mehta, whose telephone number is 703-306-4540. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays and alternate Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amy Nelson, can be reached at 703-306-3218. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3014 and 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-872-9307 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

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